

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

AUG 22 2005

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →



PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

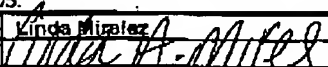
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM <i>(to be used for all correspondence, after initial filing)</i>		Application Number	10/613,761
		Filing Date	July 2, 2003
		First Named Inventor	AKLOG, LISHAN
		Group Art Unit	3738
		Examiner Name	Prebilic, Paul B.
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	13	Attorney Docket Number	FLEX-001
ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Documents <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers <i>(for an Application)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group <i>(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) <i>(please identify below):</i>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Remarks </div>			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT			
Firm or Individual Name	CAROL M. LASALLE, Reg. No. 39,740		
Signature			
Date	August 22, 2005		

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile filed under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.6(d) and 1.8(a)(1)(b) addressed to: (571) 273-8300 on this date: August 22, 2005.			
Typed or printed name	Linda M. Relez		
Signature			Date August 22, 2005

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take .2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

**VIA FACSIMILE
(571) 273-8300**

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile filed under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(d) and 1.8(a)(1)(b) addressed to: (571) 273-8300 on this date: August 22, 2005.	
Typed or printed name	Linda A. Miles
Signature	
Date	August 22, 2005

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 Address to: Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.	FLEX-001
	Confirmation No.	7167
	First Named Inventor	AKLOG, LISHAN
	Application Number	10/613,761
	Filing Date	July 2, 2003
	Group Art Unit	3738
	Examiner Name	PREBILIC, PAUL B.
	Title:	"ANNULOPLASTY RINGS AND METHODS FOR REPAIRING CARDIAC VALVES"

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 22, 2005 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before September 22, 2005.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.